

## **REMARKS**


1. In light of the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action, the claims have been re-written to reflect the true nature of the Applicant's novel invention: a method of protecting the environment from the deleterious effects of heavy construction equipment on the delicate ecosystems of the wetlands, for example.
2. The references cited by the Examiner disclose gabion containers -- but for wholly different applications than that disclosed in the instant invention. For example, the cited references disclose gabion containers used for erosion control and drainage filtration. The Applicant agrees that the uses cited in the references are well-known; however, the Applicant's newly disclosed method and use is directed to a different need and solves a different problem entirely.
3. As can be seen by the cited art, the newly disclosed invention has not been previously used or even contemplated for use in wetlands or areas with fragile ecosystems despite a clear motivation to develop such a method due to federal regulations concerning the protection of these watery areas.

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For all of the reasons advanced above, Applicant respectfully submits that this Application is in condition for allowance, which is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this case, please direct them to Carl Ronald at (412) 594-3912.

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